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SUBJECT: Proposed Agenda for the U.S. Jordan FTA Joint Committee Meeting, December 15 to 16

11. (U) This is an action request. See paragraph 4.

12. (U) Secretary General of Jordan's Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT) Montasser Oklah reconfirmed to EconCouns on November 10 that Jordan is prepared to host the December 15-16 U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement Joint Committee (JC) meeting. He reviewed possible agenda items and requested the U.S. identify delegation members and submit comment on the proposed schedule.

13. (SBU) The draft agenda for the upcoming JC submitted by the MOIT, which includes informal post and USTR input, follows:

1A. World Financial Crisis:

- 1) Economic developments in each country
- 2) Government responses to the crisis
- 3) Fields of cooperation

1B. WTO-related issues:

- 1) Results of the WTO Ministerial Conference
- 2) Update on the Doha Development Agenda
- 3) Update on Jordan's revised offer to join the Government Procurement Agreement

1C. Regional and Multilateral Issues:

- 1) Regional cumulation
- 2) Qualifying Industrial Zones

1D. Bilateral Trade Issues:

- 1) Bilateral trade developments with the FTA entering into full force in 2010
- 2) Investment promotion and twinning project between the Jordan Investment Board and its counterparts in the U.S.

1E. Bilateral Trade-related Issues:

- 1) Labor
 - a. Labor cooperation mechanism signing
 - b. Updated on labor conditions in the QIZs
 - c. Update on Labor Law amendments
- 2) Agriculture
 - a. Accreditation of Jordanian agricultural Exports
 - b. Cooperation and technical assistance Programs
- 3) Intellectual Property Rights
 - a. 301 review
 - b. Data protection
- 4) Customs
 - a. Cooperation and technical assistance
 - b. Petra Engineering case
- 5) Environment, Science and Technology
- 6) El/E2 Treaty Trader/Investor Visas
- 7) Standards and Metrology cooperation and technical assistance

8) TRIDE (Trilateral Industrial Development) funding 2009-2010
budget

9) Other issues

-- a. Jones NY Belts case

-- b. Technical assistance programs

¶4. (SBU) Action request: Post requests Department, USTR, and other agency stakeholder feedback, if any, on the above draft agenda for the JC by November 17. Post also requests those participating in the JC identify the head of delegation and other participants by November 25. Post point-of-contact for the JC is EconOff Ali Lejlic, e-mail: LejlicAE@state.gov.

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